

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, kindly insert prior to the first paragraph, as follows:

-- The present application is a continuation of United States application serial number 09/810,964 filed on March 17, 2001. --

On page 9, replace the paragraph starting at line 4 with the following paragraph:

Referring as well to Fig. 3, a schematic of an end view 1 of the card 200 is shown. The first ~~host~~ backplane connector ~~206~~ 202 is positioned adjacent to the second ~~host~~ backplane connector ~~214~~ 204. However, other configurations and relative positions of the ~~host~~ backplane connectors ~~206, 214~~ 202, 204 are possible. The card 200 also includes a panel switchbox 300. The panel switchbox 300 preferably includes a first DIP switch 302, a second DIP switch 304, a third DIP switch 306, a fourth DIP switch 308, and a fifth DIP switch 310. However, other types of switches may be used if desired, and additional switches may be provided if desired. Preferably, the panel switchbox 300 is located on the same end of the card 200 as the ~~host~~ backplane connectors ~~206, 214~~ 202, 204, such that the DIP switches 302-310 are facing outward from and accessible from that end of the card 200. The functions of the DIP switches 302-310 are shown in Table 1.